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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**APRIL 4, 2019, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL**

**G.M. 543
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, NOLAN P. ESPINDA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 543. I support the nomination of Mr. Espinda to the position of Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Mr. Espinda has served as Director of DPS since January 2015. Previously, he has served as Warden at three different correctional facilities. The three correctional facilities include Waiawa Correctional Facility, Oahu Community Correctional Center, and Halawa Correctional Facility. In addition, Mr. Espinda has served as the Office of the Institutions Division Administrator at the DPS.

Mr. Espinda's long standing experience working within the State correctional system qualifies him to serve as Director of DPS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.